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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT A FORTHCOMING NOTICE OF AWARD FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION FOR THE EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LABORATORY CAPACITY FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES PROJECT FOR THE EXPECTED TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND APPROVE SEVEN NEW POSITIONS

SUBJECT

Authorization to accept and implement a forthcoming Notice of Award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to support the Department of Public Health's Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases Project and future awards and/or amendments, and approve seven new positions.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or his designee, to accept and implement a forthcoming Notice of Award (NA) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), for the expected term of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 at an estimated amount of \$1,630,119 to continue to support the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases Project (ELCIDP).
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or his designee, to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the CDC's NA for the ELCIDP that extend the term through December 31, 2016; reflect non-material and/or ministerial revisions to the award's terms and conditions; allow for the rollover of unspent funds and/or redirection of funds; adjust the term of the award through March 31, 2017; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each grant term's annual base amount, subject to review and approval by

County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

3. Approve one new Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Epidemiologist position, one new FTE Public Health Microbiologist II position, one new FTE Senior Information Systems Analyst position and four new part-time Student Professional Worker positions, in excess of that which is provided in DPH's staffing ordinance, pursuant to section 6.06.020 of the County Code, subject to allocation by the CEO.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPH to accept the anticipated award for calendar year 2012 and four additional years of funding from the CDC for the ELCIDP. These funds enable DPH to improve surveillance for, and response to, infectious diseases and other public health threats by: 1) strengthening epidemiologic capacity; 2) enhancing laboratory capacity; 3) improving information systems; 4) developing and implementing prevention and control strategies; and 5) enhancing collaboration among epidemiology, laboratory, and information systems components.

The recommended actions will also allow DPH to hire staff to fulfill grant requirements. The Epidemiologist will conduct activities to improve mandatory disease reporting and ensure the quality of healthcare-associated infection data reported to the National Healthcare Safety Network. The Public Health Microbiologist II will enhance the Public Health Laboratory's surveillance of foodborne diseases. The Senior Information Systems Analyst will develop integrated solutions for electronic laboratory reporting of reportable communicable diseases and multidrug-resistant organisms. The four part-time Student Professional Workers will conduct near real-time exposure history case interviews to accelerate the detection, investigation, and control of food related outbreaks.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 4, Health and Mental Health, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

DPH will accept forthcoming CDC funding for the expected budget period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, at an estimated amount of \$1,630,119; and annual funding through December 31, 2016, at amounts to be determined by the CDC.

Upon receipt of the award, DPH will request approval of an appropriation adjustment with the CEO's mid-year Budget Adjustment.

Funding will be included in future FYs, as necessary.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Since 1995, the ELCIDP has been funded by the CDC to address emerging infectious disease threats in Los Angeles County. The current funding period ends December 31, 2011.

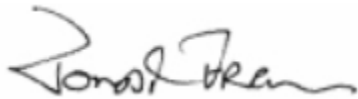
On August 23, 2011, the CDC released funding opportunity announcement Number CDC-RFA-CK12-1201 for the first year of a five-year project period. On September 6, 2011, DPH submitted a letter

of intent to apply in response to the competitive funding announcement. The application to request funding was submitted by the due date of October 17, 2011. The CDC is expected to issue the NA by January 2012.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will provide continuing support to respond to categorical disease areas, such as foodborne diseases, West Nile virus and other arboviruses, and other emerging infectious diseases and to build and strengthen standard-based and interoperable public health information systems for DPH's Acute Communicable Disease Control Program and Public Health Laboratory.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jonathan E. Fielding", is positioned above the printed name.

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